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*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EST)

Communist Political Developments: Cambodian chief of state Prince Sihanouk announced on 3 November that he will hold a 'summit meeting' in Phnom Penh in a "few" weeks with North Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong and Liberation Front chief Nguyen Huu Tho.

Sihanouk made no mention of possible substantive discussions at such a meeting

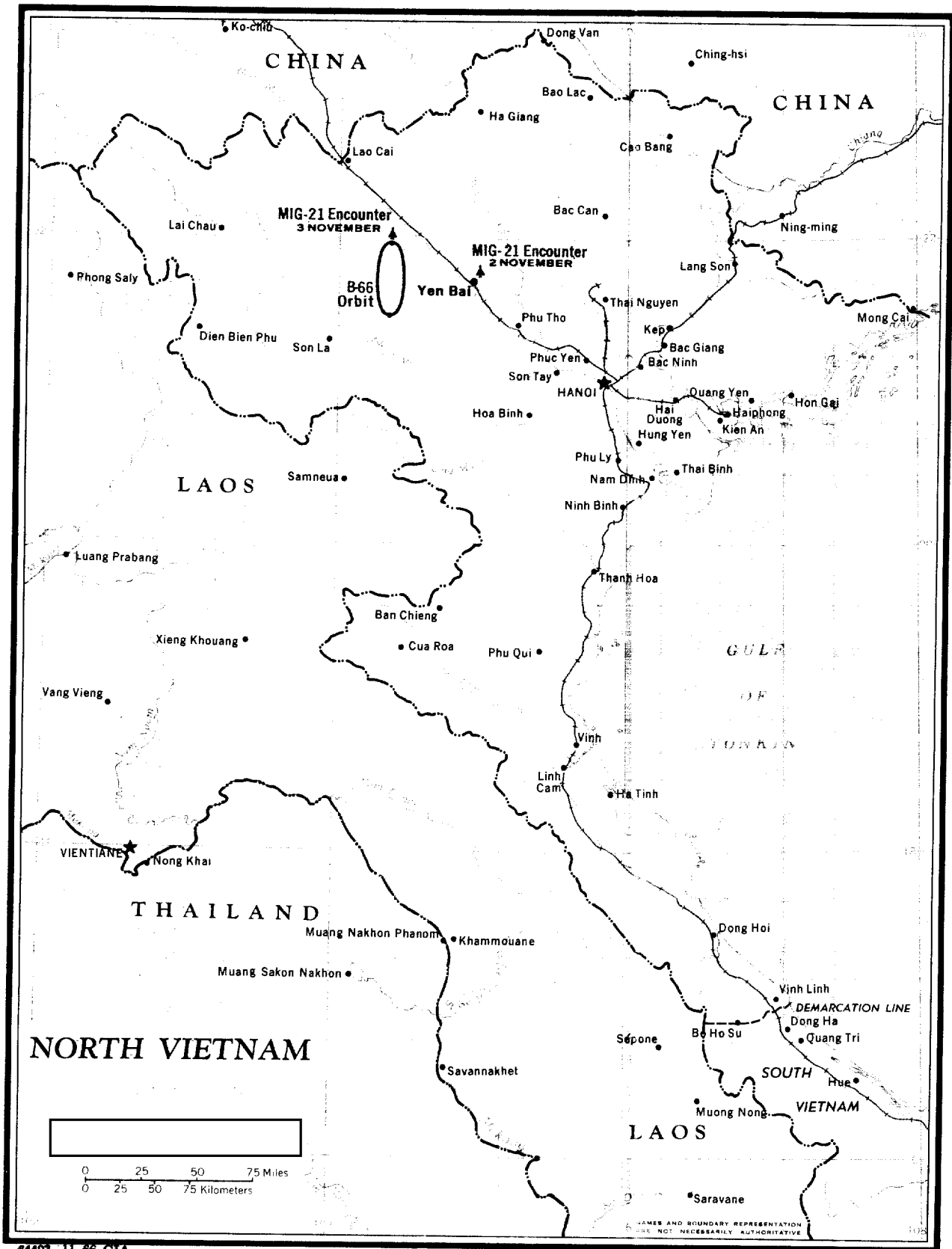
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Vietnamese Communist participation in the meeting is probably based on the belief that they can easily turn it to their political advantage by portraying it as the Indochinese people's response to the Manila Conference.

Meanwhile, the Liberation Front's drive for foreign recognition has taken another step forward.

Albania has agreed to the establishment of permanent Front representation according to a 2 November Tirana radio announcement. With the establishment of this office, the Front now has representatives in all the bloc countries except Mongolia and North Vietnam, as well as in several free world nations.

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North Vietnamese Military Developments: For the second day in succession, North Vietnamese MIG-21 fighters attempted unsuccessfully to shoot down a USAF RB-66 electronics reconnaissance aircraft in the vicinity of Yen Bai. The attacking planes were driven off by three F-4Cs providing escort for the RB-66, with no aircraft being shot down by either side.

The attacks on the RB-66 on 2 and 3 November indicate a determined effort by the North Vietnamese to deny US strike aircraft the electronic warning and countermeasure support provided by these planes, which regularly patrol in the Yen Bai area. [] (Map)

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*Guatemala: President Mendez has moved against rightist elements who have been challenging his government.

Following the announcement of the state of seige yesterday, many of the leaders of the right-wing National Liberation Movement (MLN) were arrested. MLN leaders have recently been plotting Mendez' overthrow; they have also established quasi-vigilante anti-Communist action groups.

The text of yesterday's decree implied that extremist elements of the right and left were acting outside the law. Even so, there is a possibility that conservatives and rightists will disapprove of the arrests. Feeling that Mendez is misdirecting his efforts against the right rather than the left--which has again increased its terrorist activity--some rightist and military factions may move to oust him.

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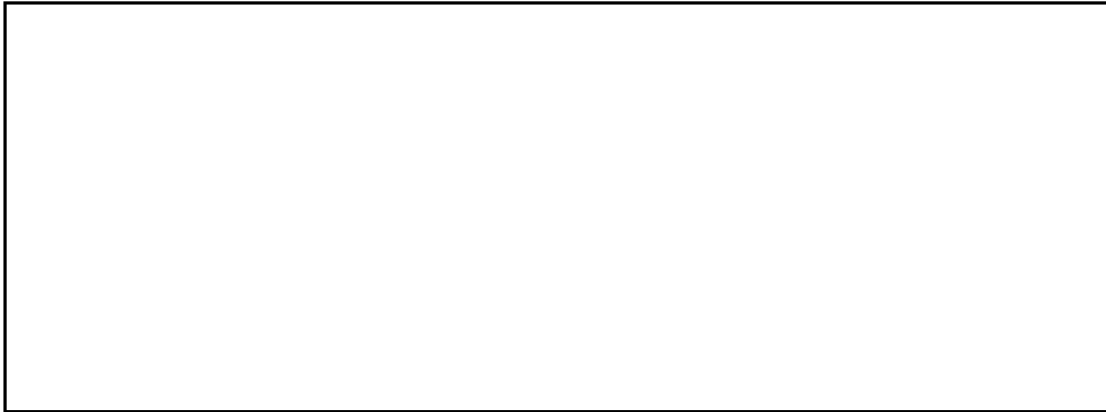
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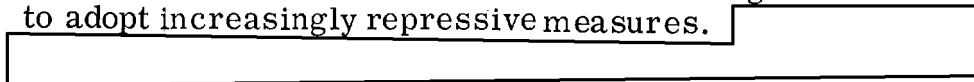
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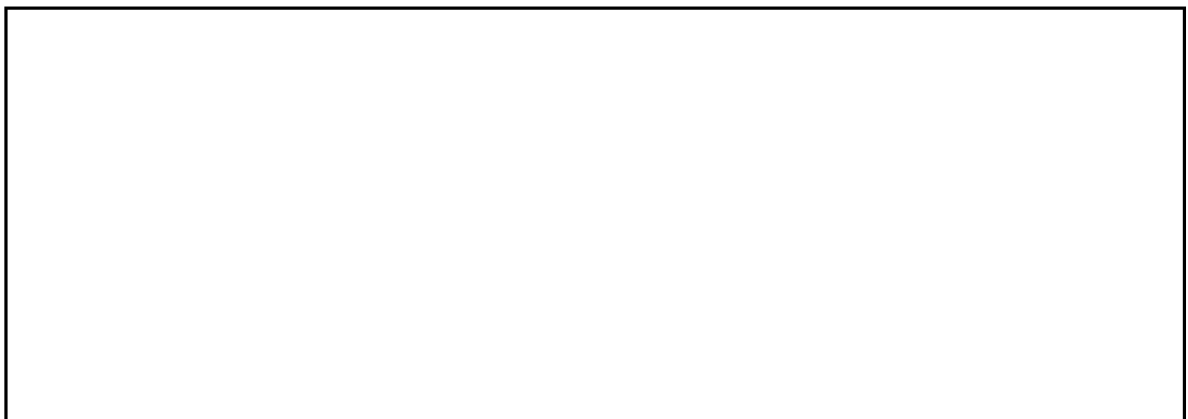


India: Student agitation over a multitude of local grievances has resulted in potentially serious new problems for the government. In recent weeks, government property has been attacked in numerous parts of the country. Unrest is most serious in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, where army troops have been sent to help restore order. Opposition political parties, with an eye on the February 1967 general elections, appear to be inciting the students in an effort to force the government to adopt increasingly repressive measures.

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Dominican Republic: Right-wing groups are stepping up their pressure on President Balaguer to take authoritarian measures against his opposition. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] urging the President to act decisively to counter recent gains by the militant left in the Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD). This development reflects the current worsening of relations between the government and the PRD, which if unchecked will threaten the government's stability. [REDACTED]

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

The United States Intelligence Board, on 3 November 1966, approved the following national intelligence estimates:

NIE 11-14-66, Capabilities of the Soviet General
Purpose Forces

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SNIE 13-8-66, Communist China's Advanced Weapons
Program

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